

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1311
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Gail Sharp on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Gail Sharp is one such estimable educator who, having distinguished herself as an exemplary classroom teacher, will soon enter into a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sharp has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher for 37 years at Highland Park Elementary, offering her expertise and guidance to countless students; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lenoir City, she attained a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee and Master's and Education Specialist degrees from Lincoln Memorial University; she taught a varied range of subjects, including health, science, and math, prior to serving as Highland Park's Guidance Counselor, Assistant Principal, and Principal; and

WHEREAS, Gail Sharp is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, an organized professional, Ms. Sharp set high expectations for her students; she has truly served as an inspiration to both her colleagues and her students, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Gail Sharp has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and students alike; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sharp also gives her time and energies as a devout member of Martel United Methodist Church, which she has faithfully served for many years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sharp truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized for her manifold achievements on the occasion of her retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Gail Sharp, commending her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, saluting her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extending to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.